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# WELCOME

**We're glad  
you're here!**



*Loving hearts  
Open minds  
Serving hands*

# Welcome to Trinity

Reign of Christ Sunday

November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10 am

*“Loving Hearts ... Open Minds ... Serving Hands”*

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## WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

### Prelude

Introit: “Love will be my guide” (*Scott Kearns*)

In what I do,  
in where I go,  
through all my life,  
I want to know -  
that love will be my guide

In how I talk,  
In what I choose,  
In how I gain,  
In how I lose -  
Oh, love will be my guide.

(Chorus)

Love will guide, love will lead,  
I will follow in word and deed.  
Love will be my guide.

(Sing Twice)

### Greeting

Good morning and a warm welcome to everybody, both here and in your sacred spaces online.

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!  
Welcome in God’s all-inclusive and abundant love!

What kind of week have you had? Some are coming with your hearts heavy while others of you are more jubilant. Whatever emotions you are feeling today, come on in and allow the presence of Spirit to be with you.

We aspire to be better humans in order to build a better world for ALL God’s people. If you’re visiting with us or shopping around for a new spiritual home, we are glad you’re here with us. May this service be a blessing to you and may you be a blessing to others this coming week.

**Announcements** – please refer to the back of the bulletin.

### The Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: As we light our Christ candle today, may we remember that Jesus is the light of our world. May our lives be a window through which this light shines.

### Call to Worship

One: The day of the Lord brings grace and blessing.

**All: We come to this day with hearts prepared for praising.**

One: The day of the Lord brings judgement and pardon.

**All: We come to this day with souls set on praying.**

One: The day of the Lord brings wisdom and light.

**All: We come to this day with minds eager to listen for God’s will.**

One: In our praising, praying, listening, and responding,

**All: we come to worship God.**

**Opening Hymn:** “I Am the Light of the World”  
(VU 87 - verses 2, 3 and 4)

### **Opening Prayer**

O God, we gather today in your presence, grateful for your love and mercy and grateful for family and friends who model for us the right way to walk in the truth of your ways.

We gather in need of forgiveness, for going against the grain of our God-created image, having wandered from your will for our lives. Cleanse us anew and renew our spirits. Grant us new insight about the false ways we seek to find meaning apart from You.

And as we gather today to worship, strengthen us through our songs of praise, through your Word, and in all we do. May the power of the Holy Spirit be working in our hearts, comforting us, convicting us, challenging us and bringing us hope.

In Jesus' name we pray,  
Amen.

**Musical Offering:** Chuck and Sally McClelland

### **Light Bearer Moment with the Minister**

*It's time to hear the stories of Jesus and how his stories teach us a better way to live. We strive to teach our Light Bearers to follow in the footsteps of Jesus growing in kindness and love. As their hearts grow larger, they can then go into the world and be the light of Christ, of love, for others.*

### **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

*Our Scripture reader today is Sheila Petch.*

### **Prayer of Illumination**

One: Companion God, as we hear these words, inspire us to live out your story of love in our everyday lives. Amen.

**Reading:** Psalm 36: 1-9

*(Human Wickedness and Divine Goodness)*

**Reading:** John 8: 12-30

*(Jesus the Light of the World and Jesus Foretells His Death)*

Reader: God's Word is a lamp to our feet.

**All: And a light to our path. Amen.**

**The Minister's Message:** “Jesus, Light for a Dark World”

### **Our Offering Invitation**

We are called to be Christ's church.

We are called to love one another.

We are called to share our blessings with others.

Our morning tithes and offering will now be received.

### **Our Offering Prayer**

Gracious and generous God, Your love and mercy surrounds us. And so it is fitting that we offer these our tithes and gifts as an expression of our gratitude. We ask that you will use these gifts to support the ministry of the church of Jesus Christ, both near and far. We pray that these gifts will be a beacon of light and hope to those needing to hear the good news and see it in action in kindness and practical support.

Guide and bless these gifts as we offer them to further the Kingdom of God.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

## Prayers of the People

**Our Closing Hymn:** *“Let There Be Light”* (VU 679)

### Benediction

Go now and walk in the light of the Lord. Stay alert for the Lord is near. Put on the armour of light and live openly and honourably. Pray for peace for all God’s people. And may God clothe you in the light of Christ; May Christ Jesus teach you his ways; And may the Holy Spirit keep you alert and prepared for the coming day of the Lord.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

...In the name of Christ. Amen.

### Postlude

*Join us in Trinity Hall following today’s service for a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship time.*

*Your hosts today the Outreach Team.*



### Spiritual thought for your week ahead

Jesus calls us to be the salt and light in the world. As such we are to carry forward His ministry to a dark world, an extension of His light in a dark world.

What can you do this coming week to help others see and discover afresh the light that Jesus offers to all people?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

### Welcome to Reverend Bruce Musgrave

Bruce was born and raised in Windsor, Ontario the youngest of three sons. He has worked as a teacher, pastor and chaplain over the past thirty years. He enjoys the beauty of God's creation in such activities as gardening, hiking and canoeing. He considers himself to be a life-long learner and very blessed to have received his formal ministry training at such places as Acadia Divinity College in NS and at Wycliffe College at the University of Toronto.

**A Celebration of Life Service will be held for Heather Hockin tomorrow, Monday November 25<sup>th</sup> in Trinity’s Sanctuary starting at 11:00 am. All are invited to attend.**

**The Outreach Team** thanks you for helping to collect food for the Salvation Army and the Table Soup Kitchen, two of our local food banks.

➤ **November is PASTA SAUCE!**



### Outreach Committee - needs your loving help!

This November, we are collecting **hats, mitts and socks** to help those who are in need in our community. You can help by bringing these items to Trinity Hall before or after church service or dropping them off in the office. Donations are given to several organizations.



**Therapeutic Touch** – Monday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Arnold Room. Everyone, members of Trinity or anyone from the community, is invited to attend for a free Therapeutic Touch session.



**All Saints Anglican Church – Bazaar and Bake Sale** – Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

## **FundScrip orders are due next Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>!**



Order the amount you need for your month's groceries, gas and gifts and Trinity benefits! Thank you for your support of this fund raiser!

**The Souper Sandwich Team** is looking for donations of soups and desserts. If you are interested in helping out and providing these items, please contact Nancy Waxl on 705-789-5679 or see her after church.



## **White Gift Sunday is December 1<sup>st</sup>!**

Again, with your faithful support, we are hoping to ease the stress of Christmas for families in need. We have found that it is more helpful if gift certificates/cards were given by members of the congregation to be distributed as required. If gifts cards are used, these can be purchased through our FundScrip program. Orders must be placed with Gord Mitchell by Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>. If ordering your White Gift cards through our FundScrip program, please let Suzy know as a tax receipt can be issued.

Regardless of the value of the gift card, all express the same love and compassion. The cards will be distributed to various organizations beginning the week of December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your goodwill and generosity!



## **The Huntsville Community Choir Performances (HCC)**

HCC is performing a Christmas concert entitled: "A Winter's Night of Joy". The choir is singing some delightful renditions of classics and contemporary songs, as well as special songs from Louis Tusz, Kristine Knight and Jeannette McCullough. The performances will be held at Trinity on Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm and 7:30pm. Tickets: \$25/adult, \$20/19-25 years, under 19 free and are available from any choir member as well as online a [huntsvillecommunitychoir.com](http://huntsvillecommunitychoir.com).

**The Muskoka Music Mix** chorus and quartets will be presenting their traditional family-oriented "Christmas in Muskoka" concert in the Sanctuary on **Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm**. There will be no ticketing for this event but donations in support of Muskoka Music Mix and their Harmonize for Speech community service project will be graciously received. *Hope to see you there!*

## **Trinity's Frosty Fair!**

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2:00 pm.  
Lunch - "High Tea" - \$15

The UCW are asking for the following donations:

### **Bake Room**

- Bake goods
- Jams
- Jellies
- Candy
- Preserves



### **"Art in the Pews"**

- Prints
- Paintings
- Craft wall hangings



All items can be dropped off on Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> between 10 am and 4 pm in Trinity Hall.

Introducing the **Ministry and Personnel Team** their purpose is to provide a confidential setting for support, consultations and assessment of all persons employed by the Community of Faith. They are responsible:

- to oversee the relationship of the Community of Faith staff to each other and to people in the congregation;

- to regularly review the working conditions, responsibilities, and compensation of our staff and make recommendations as a result of these reviews to the governing body;
- and to review and revise position descriptions and contracts along with the Minister and the Board of Directors providing input and approval.

The Ministry and Personnel Team Leader is Shane Baker.

**Would you like to be part of Trinity's Sunday morning Greeters Team?** This is such a vital ministry for the tone and welcome we want to set as *"the heart in the heart of Huntsville"*.

It's not just about giving out the order of services or bulletins as we sometimes call them. It's about connection and putting people at ease as they make their way into our building. It's about making people feel seen, valued and welcomed. It takes courage to walk through the doors of a church for the first time! We want to make that walk as stress free as possible.

This "refresher" is not only for new greeters but also for those who have been doing this wonderful ministry for years, even decades.

Come out and meet other fellow greeters and let's be ready to present people with a warm gift of welcome during our Advent and Christmas season.

When? Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Time? 2:00 pm.  
 Where? My office.



I will look forward to greeting you then!  
 Faithfully, Rev. D



**Happy Birthday to our own,  
 Rev. Diane  
 who celebrates another year  
 wiser on  
 Wednesday November 27<sup>th</sup>!!**

